



Sophia Pinacortez &lt;sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!**

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**Albert Torres** <albert.torres@lacity.org>

Sat, Nov 25, 2017 at 1:25 PM

To: CRAIG DESILVA [REDACTED], Sophia Pinacortez &lt;sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Landers Catherine &lt;catherine.landiers@lacity.org&gt;, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Craig

I can advise staff that opens the park. It's department policy that all gates, especially t-bar gates, must be secured in the open position for safety purposes.

As for potential situations of persons locked in, we can summon LAFD if rangers have an extended eta

I'll communicate with LAPD SSD division to be on the look out on how they find the lock mechanism when locking the gate at night.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Sent from my iPhone

Albert Torres  
Captain  
Park Rangers  
323 644-6661

On Nov 25, 2017, at 1:12 PM, CRAIG DESILVA [REDACTED] wrote:

First a thank you again to all who handled the lights being fixed in De longpre park, and for the night ranger who is always consistent in closing the park by 10:30 pm nightly.  
Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving.

Please remind the opening staff that the chain to the right gate must be secured open by locking the lock onto the welded stabilizing chain hanging from the Park wrought iron fence.

Today it was not open.

There is a resident that lives on Cherokee who somehow has a key to the gate , If you would like to call to discuss this as he also could be The culprit, let me know.

I am going to peruse this further as it effects all the struggle we went through to keep the gates from being closed by dog owners who have no regard for the handicap neighbors inability to get in and out of the park if they are constantly shut by people refusing to accept this is not a designated dog park. Again, this could easily become a cory liability if someone is handicapped or in danger inside the park as. Cannot get out in time.

With appreciation,  
Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 11:09 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:

Gobble, gobble !!!  
spc :-)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2017, at 11:27 PM, CRAIG DESILVA [REDACTED] > wrote:

Thank you Sophia, all seems to be running smoothly and the lights appeared to come on in time .

Thanks to everyone for helping to make this happen. It takes a village.

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2017, at 8:44 PM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

FYI : LAPD does gate closure and officers have been briefed .

spc:-)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** James Onthank <[31513@lapd.online](mailto:31513@lapd.online)>  
**Date:** November 20, 2017 at 7:27:32 PM PST  
**To:** Albert Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)>, Richard Musquiz <[47013@lapd.online](mailto:47013@lapd.online)>, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>  
**Cc:** Edward Petterez <[34154@lapd.online](mailto:34154@lapd.online)>, Raymond Lucas <[41888@lapd.online](mailto:41888@lapd.online)>, Emilio Zacarias <[n4903@lapd.online](mailto:n4903@lapd.online)>, "jose.monge@lacity.org" <[jose.monge@lacity.org](mailto:jose.monge@lacity.org)>, Ronald Drones <[n4778@lapd.online](mailto:n4778@lapd.online)>, John Valdez <[30070@lapd.online](mailto:30070@lapd.online)>, Lee Perry <[34733@lapd.online](mailto:34733@lapd.online)>  
**Subject:** Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

The officers were briefed at roll call and will focus on this issue.

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**From:** Albert Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 6:42 PM  
**To:** Richard Musquiz; Sophia Pinacortez  
**Cc:** Edward Petterez; Raymond Lucas; Emilio Zacarias; [jose.monge@lacity.org](mailto:jose.monge@lacity.org); Ronald Drones; John Valdez; James Onthank; Lee Perry  
**Subject:** Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

Richard, Sophia,

I recovered the attached photo from this email thread. Clearly a person in a blanket or sleeping bag.

*Albert Torres*

Captain  
Park Rangers  
[Albert.Torres@lacity.org](mailto:Albert.Torres@lacity.org)  
Dispatch 323 644-6661

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 12:54 PM,  
Richard Musquiz <[47013@lapd.online](mailto:47013@lapd.online)>  
wrote:

Hi Sophia,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, I have included Lt. Raymond Lucas and the other supervisors on our night watch that oversee the officers on the Gate Closure program. As for locking individual in the park after securing the gates, can you send me the photos that were mentioned in the emails.

Thanks  
Rich

Richard Musquiz, Captain  
Security Services Division  
Los Angeles Police Department  
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[Richard.musquiz@lapd.online](mailto:Richard.musquiz@lapd.online)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sophia Pinacortez  
[mailto:[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)]  
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 8:27 AM  
To: Edward Petterez  
<[34154@lapd.online](mailto:34154@lapd.online)>  
Cc: [jose.monge@lacity.org](mailto:jose.monge@lacity.org); Richard Musquiz <[47013@lapd.online](mailto:47013@lapd.online)>; Albert Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

These Neighbors are on us about the gate closure at Delonge Park .  
We need to make sure they are getting

closed on time .  
We are bring watched .  
Much Appreciated !  
Gobble , gobble !  
spc :-)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 19, 2017, at 7:15 AM, Albert  
Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)> wrote:

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> SSD LAPD closes. I notified their  
watch commander Mendoza and asked  
> that the message be delivered to the  
closure supervisor Zacarias.

> Will follow up.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

> Albert Torres

> Captain

> Park Rangers

> [323 644-6661](tel:323-644-6661)

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>> On Nov 18, 2017, at 9:39 PM, Sophia  
Pinacortez

<[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

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>> Who closed the gates ???

>> spc ;-)

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> Begin forwarded message:

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>> \*From:\* CRAIG DESILVA

<[REDACTED]>

>> \*To:\* Sophia Pinacortez

<[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>

>> \*Cc:\* Frank Avila

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Wehbe <[REDACTED]> ,

>> Ferris Wehbe

<[REDACTED]> , Monica

Carrera David &

>> <[REDACTED]>, Jordan  
Paul <[32285@lapd.online](mailto:32285@lapd.online)>, Ramon  
>> Barajas <[ramon.barajas@lacity.org](mailto:ramon.barajas@lacity.org)>  
>> \*Subject:\* \*Re: NO PARK LIGHTS  
ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A  
ROW!!\*

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>> Thank you all. Also, to make you  
aware , whomever your staff is who's  
>> locking the Park at night, they are  
periodically locking transients  
>> inside, see picture I took this morning  
while De Longpre Park was  
>> still locked up from last night. This is a  
liability for the city ,  
>> so we have to be sure everyone has  
exited when locking up the park at night.

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>> [image: image1.JPG]

>> Thank you .

>>

>> Regards,

>> Craig D

>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood  
Alliance

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Nov 16, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Sophia  
Pinacortez

>> <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>

>> wrote:

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>> Hi Frank/ Darryl :

>> As of 5:33pm the light are not on .

>> Can you please have the timer reset  
to 5 pm -6:30 am ?

>> Thanks ,

>> spc :-)

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Sophia  
Pinacortez

>> <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>

>> wrote:

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>> Thank You 😊

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 6:32 AM, Frank  
Avila <[frank.avila@lacity.org](mailto:frank.avila@lacity.org)> wrote:

>>  
>> Good morning,  
>>  
>> The timer was replaced by RAP  
Electrician and programmed for the  
>> hours of 5 pm until 730 am. We'll  
double check operation today.  
>>  
>> Thank you  
>>  
>> On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 5:51 PM,  
Sophia Pinacortez <  
>> [sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:  
>>  
>>> UPDATE :  
>>> The lights went on ( Thank You)  
however is it possible to have the  
>>> timer changed to 5 pm ?  
>>> The children are walking home from  
practice in the dark .  
>>> Much Appreciated ,  
>>> spc ;-)  
>>>  
>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>  
>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:30 PM,  
CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Also, we need a contact number for  
you all.  
>>>  
>>> Craig-[REDACTED]-  
[REDACTED]  
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>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:26 PM,  
CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Sophia, Albert, Juan,  
>>>  
>>> As per your request to let you know  
Sophia, there are NO lights on  
>>> and it is Pitch black here at 5:30.  
What is the issue now? What time  
>>> is the timer set for?  
>>>  
>>> I would like you guys to meet me at  
the Park tomorrow. I will take  
>>> time out of my work day to  
accommodate you, this as you imagine is  
>>> frustrating, but it CANNOT go 1  
more day without lighting, This is

>>> an invite for serious Crime.  
>>>  
>>> Frustrated  
>>> Craig  
>>>  
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>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 11:23 AM,  
Sophia Pinacortez <  
>>> [sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>  
wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Hello Craig :  
>>>  
>>> As Albert indicated the electricians  
should be going out today  
>>> however if for any unknown reason  
the lights do not go on PLEASE let us  
know.  
>>>  
>>> Warm regards 💡 ,  
>>> spc :-)  
>>>  
>>>> On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:26 AM,  
CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Sophia,  
>>>>  
>>>> Thank you for your prompt  
response to this matter, I am  
>>>> respectfully appreciative to all of  
your department colleagues for  
>>>> their immediate response and  
attention to this matter as well and for  
this prompt solution.  
>>>>  
>>>> I look forward to seeing the results  
this evening.  
>>>>  
>>>> With Appreciation,  
>>>>  
>>>> Craig DeSilva  
>>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood  
Alliance  
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>>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 6:15 AM,  
Sophia Pinacortez <  
>>>> [sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)>  
wrote:  
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>>>> Albert and Jose :  
>>>> Your personal efforts and follow up  
are appreciated!  
>>>> Craig :  
>>>> Teamwork makes things happen.  
>>>> Thank You for being our extra pair  
of eyes !  
>>>> spc :-)  
>>>>  
>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Nov 13, 2017, at 10:16 PM,  
CRAIG DESILVA  
[REDACTED] > wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> And an apology to you Jose , I see  
you sent me an email at 10 am  
>>>> this morning that I missed saying  
you would check into this. I do  
>>>> appreciate knowing you  
responded, only sorry I hadn't seen it.  
>>>>  
>>>> None the less, I had hoped the  
situation would have been rectified  
>>>> by this evening being so many  
days without.  
>>>>  
>>>> In the end, it appears Albert, &  
Yourself as well as the Parks and  
>>>> Rec team seem to have it in order.  
>>>>  
>>>> Thank you , will keep an eye out for  
lights to be on tomorrow evening .  
>>>>  
>>>> Craig  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Nov 13, 2017, at 8:12 PM,  
Albert Torres  
>>>> <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)>  
>>>> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Craig,  
>>>>  
>>>> I'll check on the work order to  
return the park lights back on,  
>>>> first thing in the morning. Your  
writing sparks memories of the  
>>>> Hollywood Sentinels, an incredible  
group under the leadership of  
>>>> Virginia Sharon, Thanks for letting

us know.  
>>>>  
>>>> Albert  
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>>>> \*Albert Torres\*Captain  
>>>> Park Rangers  
>>>> [Albert.Torres@lacity.org](mailto:Albert.Torres@lacity.org)  
>>>> Dispatch [323 644-6661](tel:3236446661)  
<(323)%20644-6661>  
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>>>>  
>>>> On Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 7:39 PM,  
CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>  
>>>> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>>> Dear Albert, Sophia, Juan,  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I sent an email out last week to  
both Catherine Landers and to  
>>>>> Jose Monge regarding the  
upcoming Holiday weekend and the  
NEED to  
>>>>> get the De Longpre Park Lights  
turned back ON!  
>>>>>  
>>>>> To no avail did I get a response  
from either Catherine Landers, or  
>>>>> Jose Monge, however at least  
Jose had spoken to me the first time  
>>>>> I called him more than a week  
and a half ago about the same issue,  
>>>>> and then immediately corrected  
the issue.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> By end of last week, we were  
back to having NO LIGHTS in De  
>>>>> Longpre Park. THIS IS NOT OK.  
This time, no response from Jose  
>>>>> either, so I assumed this was  
being put to the side, hence this  
>>>>> additional email to you 3, Albert,  
Sophia, and Juan, and all CC'd.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> The Park had been deemed a  
Priority Park quite some time ago due  
>>>>> to drug activity, (Use and Sale of),  
Street worker activity, (  
>>>>> hookers both straight and Trans),  
and a plethora of other issues  
>>>>> including assaults and vandalism  
of residents cars around the  
>>>>> park. Not addressing a safety  
issue such as security lighting,  
>>>>> etc. in a Public City Park being

kept open til  
>>>>> 10:30 PM 7 days a week, is a  
MAJOR CITY LIABILITY!  
>>>>> Ask the LAPD, Paul Jordan is  
copied on this email as he is on all  
>>>>> my emails of this nature, because  
he works Tirelessly on keeping  
>>>>> the Park and the neighborhood  
safe and as Crime Free as possible  
>>>>> all day long during his shifts. .  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I spent many years participating in  
CPAB meetings as the CHNC CO  
>>>>> Chair of Public Safety, and I can  
near to guarantee this will be a  
>>>>> bigger issue if not addressed  
immediately, tomorrow by the latest.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> If Jose Monge was able to get it  
done the first time the lights  
>>>>> were not going on, what is the  
issue now? The Field Deputy told a  
>>>>> fellow constituent she was  
handling it, did you people get an  
>>>>> email or call from Catherine  
Landers?  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Catherine, did you call or email  
them?  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> In the Last 4 days, I have seen a  
resurgence of Condoms and  
>>>>> Condom wrappers around the  
parameter of the park that I have  
>>>>> cleaned up, and more trash than  
I usually pick up daily, (  
>>>>> remember folks, there are 3  
schools within the immediate area, a  
>>>>> daycare directly across from the  
Park on June, etc. etc.).  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Need I say more about the  
DANGER of this activity reemerging after  
>>>>> years and years of hard work by  
people like myself, The Carrera's  
>>>>> The Wehbe's , Paul Jordan  
Beatrice Girmala, etc. etc.  
>>>>> We the stakeholders all do this in  
addition to our own careers,  
>>>>> taking care of our families, etc.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> If Catherine Landers told a fellow  
constituent " She was on it"

>>>> this morning, then Why wasn't it  
fixed today? Yet here we are on  
>>>> day 5 of NO LIGHTS ON IN THE  
PARK In the evening. By no action  
>>>> being taken for 5 days there is a  
message being rapidly sent to  
>>>> the transient community that this  
is a sure bet area to get away with  
Crime.

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>>>> We the community are all  
frustrated and disappointed that this is  
>>>> how we are spending our down  
time after a hefty work day Please  
>>>> respond in timely manner.

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>>>> Respectfully and with regard,

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>>>> Craig DeSilva & Fellow  
Stakeholders/ community members.

>>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood  
Alliance.

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>> Frank Avila  
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and Parks  
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12/24/2018

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

818.243.9770

>> <image1.JPG>